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SUBJECT: ETHIOPIA: SECSTATE HUMAN RIGHTS VETTING APPROVAL
FOR ETHIOPIAN MILITARY PERSONNEL RECEIVING ACOTA ASSISTANCE

¶1. (SBU) Post requests the Department's assistance in screening the following Ethiopian military candidate, pursuant to the Leahy Act and Foreign Assistance Act. The below listed Ethiopian military officer is the head of the Ethiopian National Defense Force (ENDF) Peacekeeping Operations Department. The ACOTA program is ready to begin operations with his organization and requires Leahy vetting before they can proceed. Post has no derogatory information.

¶2. (SBU) The name, occupation, date of birth, and place of birth of the proposed candidate is as follows:

Name: Yohannes Gebremeskel Teklemariam
Occupation: Major General; Head, Peacekeeping Operations
Department: Ethiopian National Defense Force
Date of Birth: January 1, 1960
Place of Birth: Mekele, Ethiopia

¶3. (U) Post appreciates the Department's assistance on this urgent request.
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